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Title: Need to accord the status of a 'Classical' language to Telugu Language.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, Telugu language has not been declared as 'classical' language inspite of repeated representations. I should mention here that the history of Telugu race goes back to more than 3000 years and as per the Official Languages Commission the antiquity of Telugu is 2000 years old. Telugu language was official language right from the 6th Century A.D. It is an ancient language which has found references even during 800-600 B.C. Even before the period of Nannaya, a Tamil poet belonging to the IIth Century, in his classic titled 'Yappirungala Karikai' mentioned about the existence of a Telugu Grammar Text. From these references, it is evidently clear that Telugu' literature was in circulation even before Nannaya in 11th Century. Instead of depending on manuscripts alone, the Government should take a more comprehensive view to declare Telugu' as a 'classical' language keeping in view the sentiments of crores of Telugu people not only in India but all across the world.

I sincerely urge upon the Central Government to take the above historical facts into consideration and declare Telugu' as one of the ancient and classical languages immediately, keeping in view the sentiments of the Telugu people.